

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering text in an image forming device comprising:

- a. receiving a page description language (PDL) file for imaging, said PDL file including said text and a text size value;
- a ~~b~~. providing a user interface for entering a font sharpening threshold by a user;
- ~~b~~ c. receiving a user-defined font sharpening threshold input by a said user from said user interface;
- d. comparing said text size value to said user-defined font sharpening threshold;
- ~~e~~ e. selecting a halftone screen for said text based on ~~text size and a user-defined font sharpening threshold~~ the outcome of the comparison; and
- ~~d~~ f. rendering the text with the selected halftone screen.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 1 wherein selecting the halftone screen based on the outcome of the comparison comprises selecting a halftone screen with a relatively higher halftone frequency when the text size value is less than the font sharpening threshold, and selecting a halftone screen with a relatively lower halftone frequency when the text size value is greater than the font sharpening threshold.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3 wherein the user interface comprises an operator panel on the image forming device to receive user input.

5. (Currently Amended) A printing system comprising:

- a. a user interface for entering a font sharpening threshold by a user;
- b. a raster image processor for generating a halftone image from a digital representation of objects to be printed, said objects including text and said digital representation including a text size value, said raster image processor programmed to render said text using a halftone screen with a halftone frequency selected based on a comparison of the text size ~~and a~~ value with said user-defined font sharpening threshold input by a said user via said user interface; and
- c. a raster output device operatively connected to the raster image processor to generate a visible output image using the halftone image output by the raster image processor.

6. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 5 wherein the user interface comprises an operator panel to receive user input specifying the font sharpening threshold.

7. (Previously Presented) The printing system of claim 5 wherein the raster output device is an electrophotographic print engine.